April 15, 1914.

TO YOU, as a Friend of Forestry and Conservation:

There will be a gathering at Harrisburg on May 4 next to do honor to Dr. J. T. Rothrock, who has retired from service in the Pennsylvania Forestry Commission, of which he has been an active member since its formation, and in which he has done such splendid work for the promotion of Forestry. Dr. Rothrock's record in the cause dates back to his lectures on Forestry in the Michaux course at the University of Pennsylvania in 1877. He has during all his life been an enthusiastic and wonderfully able promoter of the cause of Forestry in our land. He is still active in the good work, though he has reached the conclusion that the time has come for him to sever his connection with the Pennsylvania Forestry Reservation Commission, with its onerous exactions of travel and inspection and duty.

His Excellency, John K. Tener, Governor of Pennsylvania, recognizing the obligation that the State owes Dr. Rothrock, is desirous of participating in this proposed recognition of his past work, and will be present at a testimonial gathering and luncheon to be tendered to him. At the Governor's

suggestion a Committee has been formed to carry the project into execution, consisting of

His Excellency, John K. Tener,
Governor of Pennsylvania.
A. B. Farquhar,
President Pennsylvania Conservation Association.
Dr. H. S. Drinker,
President of American Forestry Association and of Lehigh University.
Miss Florence Keen,
Advisory Board Pennsylvania Conservation Association.
The Right Reverend James H. Darlington,
Bishop of the Diocese of Harrisburg.
J. Horace McFarland,
President American Civic Association.
John Birkinbine,
President Pennsylvania Forestry Association.
Hon. Robert S. Conklin,
Commissioner of Forestry of Pennsylvania.
William Russell Smith,
Consulting Engineer, Pennsylvania Conservation Association.
Dr. Henry M. Fisher,
Council, Pennsylvania Forestry Association.

The presence and co-operation of the following officials is expected:

The Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of Forestry of Pennsylvania, and the members of the Forestry Reservation Commission.

The United States Forester and his associates.

The Officers, Directors and Advisory Committees of the following Associations: The Pennsylvania Forestry Association, the Pennsylvania Conservation Association, the American Forestry Association, the National Conservation Association, and the National Conservation Congress.

This invitation includes the members of the above Associations, and all persons interested in Forestry and Conservation who shall signify a desire to participate.

It is proposed to arrange for this luncheon to Dr. Rothrock at the Harrisburg Club, in Harrisburg, Pa., on May 4, at 1 P. M., and at that time to present to him, on behalf of those who wish to subscribe, a Loving Cup from the Friends of Forestry in America, the approved design for which is shown on the enclosed card.

The Committee will be glad to receive contributions toward the purchase and engraving of the Loving Cup, in any amounts from one dollar up. It is hoped that the contributions will largely exceed the cost of the cup, in which case the surplus will be appropriated in some form as an additional recognition to Dr. Rothrock.

The cost per plate of the luncheon will be $1, and those who desire to attend are requested to include the amount with the contribution above suggested. Notice of intention to attend the luncheon must be received not later than April 27, in order that provision may be made.

JOHN BIRKINBINE,
President Pennsylvania Forestry Association.

A. B. FARQUHAR,
President Pennsylvania Conservation Association.

H. S. DRINKER,
President American Forestry Association.

Remittances should be made to the order of and forwarded to the person named on the enclosed return envelope. A convenient blank is also enclosed.

TWENTY-EIGHT years ago a meeting was called in the Hall of the Pennsylvania Historical Society at Philadelphia to consider the advisability of founding an Association for the promotion of Scientific Forestry. To this meeting the Pennsylvania State Forestry Association owes its origin. Realizing the importance of having from the first an active and efficient Secretary, thoroughly versed in the subject of Forestry, which was then an almost unknown science in this country, an effort was made to secure Dr. Joseph T. Rothrock, then Professor of Botany at the University of Pennsylvania, as Secretary of the newly formed Association. It was known that he was better qualified than anyone else in Pennsylvania to fill this important position, as he was thoroughly familiar with the condition of our forests, and had had for many years at heart the better care and management of them.

After due deliberation Dr. Rothrock decided to accept the appointment, although in so doing he was obliged to resign his professorship and to make financial sacrifices.

From that day in 1886 to this, first as Secretary of the Association, later as the first Pennsylvania State Forest Commissioner, and for many years as a member of the State Forestry Reservation Commission, he has devoted his best energies to the Forestry cause, not only in Pennsylvania but in the United States. He has been absolutely untiring in his efforts to interest our people in the paramount necessity of a national care of our timber resources. He has insisted, in his own forceful way, at numberless meetings and conventions of all sorts, and in the halls of the Legislature, that our continued prosperity is closely bound up with the proper care of our woodlands.

To him more than to any other man we owe the establishment of the Pennsylvania State Forest Reservations, and his teachings and demonstrations have forwarded and supported this policy in other states and in the establishment of the National Forest Reserves.

Surely on the retirement of this man, who has, since 1877, first as a Pioneer, and always as a Teacher and Leader, devoted his energies to the promotion of the cause of Forestry in our country, we should come together to give him evidence that his unselfish and patriotic services have been, and are, appreciated by his fellow-countrymen!